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Half human, half alien. Part-time Guardian of the Galaxy, full-time gunslinger. Peter Quill roams the cosmos in search of adventure as the...

LEGENDARY STAR-LORD

You know, Peter may be used to the whole "life-or-death situation" thing at this point, but even he must be a little overwhelmed by how things have been going lately.

First he had a Blood Bounty thrown on him by the mysterious Mister Knife, and then he was captured by Knife's Slaughter Squad in the middle of a holo-date with his long-distance girlfriend, Kitty Pryde. Face-to-face with his captor, Mister Knife revealed himself to actually be Peter's father, J-Son, the deposed former emperor of Spartax. Lucky for Peter, Kitty told her fear of space to shove it, and came to his rescue, pulling him right out of J-Son's clutches.

But J-Son's attempt to regain control of his empire have already been set into motion, and he now works to secure the final piece to his puzzle, the son of Thanos--Thane!

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IS IT WEIRD NOW THAT WE ARE HANGING OUT IN PERSON?
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HANGING OUT IN BED IS DEFINITELY WEIRD.
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PETER IS NICE AND CUTE, BUT--
I'M HAPPY SHE'S HERE, BUT--
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS ON THE KITTY PHONE.
HE'S A THIEF.
HE'S IN JAIL ALL THE TIME.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED HER, BUT--
HE'S GOT A BED IN THE BACK OF HIS SPACE SHIP!
IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY NOT KNOWING!
UH... SOOOO ABOUT THAT THING...
ARGH, THIS IS NOT PLAYING IT COOL!
IT'S BEEN AWKWARD SINCE HE POPPED THE QUESTION, BUT--
SHOULD I ASK HER AGAIN?
HOW CAN I ANSWER THAT?
NO, PLAY IT COOL, QUILL, PLAY IT COOL!
...THAT I ASKED YOU, UH, ABOUT...

DO YOU WANNA STAY WITH ME? LIKE, OUT HERE IN SPACE?
PETER... I LIKE YOU. AND I LIKE DATING YOU. BUT THAT'S A BIG STEP, AND...
FOR INSTANCE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LIFE? FLYING THROUGH SPACE AND SHOOTING BAD GUYS AND STEALING STUFF?
HELL YES I AM!
WAIT, WAS THAT THE WRONG ANSWER?
THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T SEE THAT AS A PROBLEM...IS KIND OF THE PROBLEM.
I MEAN, BACK ON EARTH, I'M A PROFESSOR. I HAVE STUDENTS. I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES.
AND AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, YOU HAVE--
TEN MINUTES UNTIL WE ARRIVE, BOSS.
I HAVE A COOL SHIP!
WHICH YOU STOLE.
QUIET, LYDIA.

YOU'RE JUST PROVING MY POINT.
YOU'RE A THIEF, I DON'T KNOW THAT I SEE MYSELF WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT, AND--
HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOUR GOOD PAL LOGAN? WASN'T HE KIND OF A ROUGHNECK BAD ASS LIKE ME?
LOGAN...
...WAS NEVER A THIEF. HE HAD HONOR.
GOD REST HIS SOUL.

Oh.
UH, ARE WE IN A FIGHT?

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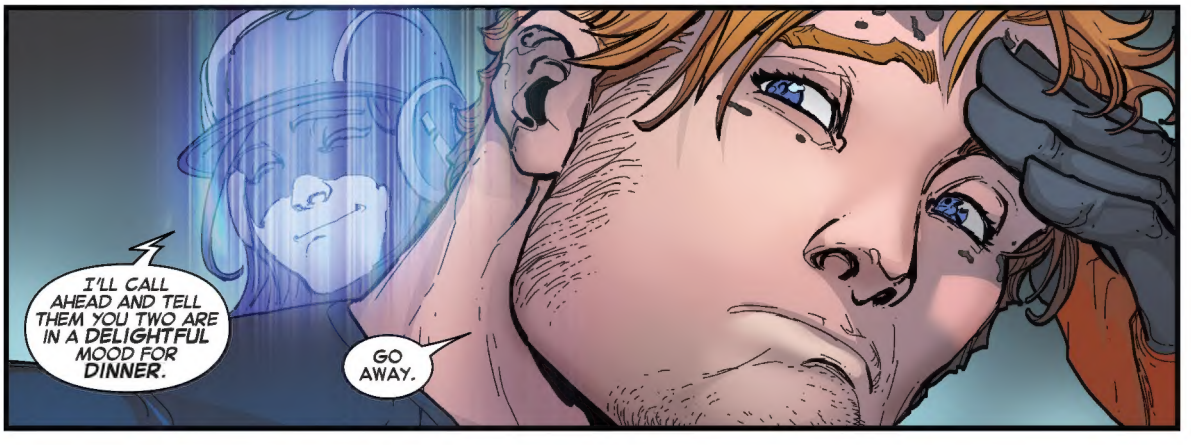
I'LL CALL AHEAD AND TELL THEM YOU TWO ARE IN A DELIGHTFUL MOOD FOR DINNER.
GO AWAY.

BRENNAN-7.
THANE!
WE LOVE YOU!
OUR SAVIOR!
OUTCASTS, OUTSIDERS, ORPHANS!
COME TO ME. ALL ARE WELCOME BY THE GRACE OF THANE!
PERFORM ANOTHER MIRACLE, THANE!
BLESS US, THANE!
IT IS SAID, THANE, YOU CAN JUDGE A RULER BY THE ADMIRATION OF HIS SUBJECTS--
THEN THEY WERE WRONG ABOUT ME, MISTER KNIFE.

I AM NO RULER, KNIFE. AND THEY ARE NOT MY SUBJECTS. THEY ARE MY FLOCK.
THEY ARE MY PEOPLE.
I AM ONE OF THEM. I NO LONGER HAVE A HOME, A FAMILY...
...WE HAVE CREATED A PLACE TO BELONG, TOGETHER. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO PROTECT THEM.
YOUR POWERS ARE RENOWNED IN THE GALAXY. "ONE HAND DELIVERS DEATH... THE OTHER HAND, LIVING DEATH."
I'M SHOCKED YOU DON'T FIND IT EASIER TO MAKE FRIENDS.
I HAVE FRIENDS LIKE YOU. CASTAWAYS FROM ACROSS THE COSMOS, COMING TOGETHER TO, AH, ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS.
THE SLAUGHTER SQUAD. THEY COULD BE YOUR FRIENDS, TOO.
EVERYBODY FIGHTS, EVERYBODY PROFITS. IMMENSELY.
ENOUGH, "MISTER KNIFE."
YOU ARE WRONG ABOUT ME, AS WELL.

I DON'T CRAVE MONEY.
I JUST-- EH?
RAAUGH

PLANET SPARTAX.
DING DONG
THESE PEOPLE LOVE ME. THEY KNOW I'M A GOOD GUY, KITTY. YOU'LL SEE!
LOOK, I SAID I WAS SORRY YOU OVER-REACTED.
SAVAGE ORPHANAGE
THAT IS NOT AN APOLOGY.
I'M STILL WAITING FOR YOUR APOLOGY.
IT IS NOT THE SAME THING.
YOU INSULTED MY SHIP!
YOU INSULTED MY DEAD FRIEND!
YOU CAN BE FRIENDS WITH A SHIP IF YOU--
EXCUSE ME--
--BUT WOULD YOU KINDLY GET THE HELL OFF MY PORCH!
HEY HEY HEY! MA SAVAGE! IT'S ME, PETER QUILL!
"THESE PEOPLE LOVE ME."
REMEMBER ME? YOUR FAVORITE? I SAID WE WERE COMING!
HMPH. CAN'T BLAME AN OLD LADY FOR GETTING FORGETFUL OF SOMEONE WHO AIN'T COME AROUND IN MONTHS.
STILL.
YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME IN--

DINNER'S READY!
HEY EVERYBODY!
UH, GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO. THIS IS KITTY, MY, UH--
HI.
HEY THERE, LULA! HOW'S THE PIANO?
MA SAVAGE SAYS NOT TO TALK TO STRANGERS.
AW HECK, LULA, YOU KNOW ME!
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG!
IS THERE ANYONE AT THIS DINNER TABLE WHO ISN'T ANGRY AT ME?
PLOP

FOOD FIGHT!

GRAAAAAYGH
IT'S BACK!
LOOK OUT!
BEAT IT BACK!
GRUUUUUUAR
THWACK
STAND BACK!

KRZAAT
DID YOU SEE?
THANE STOPPED IT!
HE PROTECTED US!
EASY NOW, CAN YOU WALK?
ASTONISHING, THANE! YOUR ABILITY TO--
ENOUGH, KNIFE.
DO YOU IMAGINE I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE? YOU ARE A CRIMINAL, KNIFE. A GANGSTER. YOU ARE ONE OF THE TERRORS OF THE COSMOS.
ON EARTH, BEFORE MY LIFE CHANGED FOREVER, I WAS A HEALER. YOU AND I WALK DIFFERENT PATHS.
MY PEOPLE ARE ALL I NEED TO BE HAPPY.
MY ANSWER IS NO.
I MUST TEND TO THE WOUNDED.
GOODBYE, KNIFE.

NEXT MOVE, BOSS?
WITHOUT THANE, THE PLAN HAS A TWO PERCENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS--
SHUT UP, BOTH OF YOU.
THANE, IT HURTS--
HE IS BLEEDING OUT. I MAY HAVE TO AMBERIZE HIM UNTIL WE CAN GET PROPER MEDICAL CARE--
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
KNIFE, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR--
I TRAINED AS A FIELD MEDIC IN THE SPARTAX MILITARY.
WE CAN USE THE BARREL OF MY LASER HARKBUS TO CAUTERIZE--
SSST
THERE. THE BLEEDING SHOULD STOP.
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT. THEY'LL TAKE YOU TO THE HEALING TENT.
THANK YOU...
YOU WERE WRONG ABOUT ME AS WELL, THANE. I AM NOT A CRIMINAL. I AM A MAN WITHOUT A HOME. JUST LIKE YOU.
BEFORE I LEAVE, I FEEL LIKE I MUST WARN YOU--
--THANOS IS FREE.
MY FATHER?!
HOW? WHERE?!

I AM REALLY--
--REALLY--
--SO SORRY I STARTED THIS.
AW, KIDDO, I DON'T STAY ANGRY FOR LONG. OTHERWISE, I'D BE IN THE WRONG BUSINESS.
YOU STILL MAD AT PETER?
NAW, I JUST LIKE RATTLING HIS CHAINS.
I MEAN, HOW COULD I BE? THIS PLACE WOULDN'T EVEN BE STANDING RIGHT NOW WITHOUT HIM.
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
HE PRACTICALLY FUNDS THIS ORPHANAGE! THIS ONE, ANOTHER ONE ON THE COAST, ONE DOWN BY THE CANYONS...
...LORD KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS ACROSS THE GALAXY.
UH, YEAH, RIGHT. HOW WOULD THE GUY WHO SLEEPS IN THE BACK OF HIS SHIP BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
KIDDO... WHAT DO YOU THINK HE DOES WITH ALL THE TREASURE HE STEALS?
YOU THINK PETER QUILL IS SAVING UP FOR RETIREMENT? HAH!
OH.
PETER, QUIT IT!

YAR! THERE BE NO PETER! ONLY ME, OLD FAITHFUL, THE SNEEZY KRAKEN! ACHOO!
WHAT'S THAT YE SAY? MORE WATER?!
YAAAAR YE BE AT ME MERCY NOW, SCALAWAGS!
NOOOO! HAHAHA!
HAHAHA STOP! NO MORE WATER!
WHATEVER, PETER--I GOT YOU WITH THE STUFFING!
YOU'RE WEARING MY SOUP!
THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW, LITTLE DUDES!
REMATCH!
ENOUGH, ENOUGH!
NOW GET YE INSIDE BEFORE I TURN THIS GUN UP TO MONSOON!
YOU KNOW, IF I DON'T DROWN YOU IN A MONSOON RIGHT NOW FOR WHAT YOU SAID--
--LOGAN'S GONNA HAUNT ME FOR YEARS.

AH HELL, KITTY...
...I'M REAL SORRY I SAID THAT. I JUST OPENED MY DUMB MOUTH WITHOUT THINKING, AND--
I'M SORRY. I WROTE YOU OFF AS JUST A THIEF.
MA SAVAGE TOLD ME YOUR BIG SECRET. ALL YOUR PLUNDER... YOU GIVE IT ALL TO THESE KIDS.
AH, HEH HEH, SURE! ALL OF IT... RIGHT.
YOU KNOW, I GREW UP IN PLACES LIKE THIS. ALL OVER COLORADO.
WHEN I WASN'T GETTING KICKED OUT BY FOSTER PARENTS.
MA IS LIKE MY SECOND MOM. I'VE BEEN VISITING HER SINCE I FIRST LEFT EARTH.
KIDS LIKE THIS...THEY DON'T THINK THEY HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. EVERYONE NEEDS A HOME. EVEN IN SPACE.
I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE AND, I...
...WELL, MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO BE BOLD LIKE PETER QUILL.
I ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION.
HUH?

I'M GONNA STAY. WITH YOU. IN SPACE.
BUT THE SCHOOL...?
THOSE KIDS ARE SMART, THEY'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
I CAN'T-- I JUST--
SPIT IT OUT, SPACE BOY.
I AM REALLY, REALLY HAPPY. LIKE I-DON'T-REMEMBER-EVER-BEING-THIS-HAPPY HAPPY.
ME TOO. NOW LET GO! YOU'RE GETTING PURPLE POTATOES ALL OVER ME.
OH, I'M SORRY, DO YOU HAVE FOOD ON YOU? THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO--
UNLEASH THE SNEEZY KRAKEN!
HEY! NO!

I CHANGED MY MIND! I'M GOING BACK TO EARTH!
NO TAKEBACKS, PRYDE!
HEY, NO PHASING EITHER! UNFAIR!
YOU BETTER BE A LIGHT SLEEPER, QUILL!
YOU CAN'T OUT-PRANK ME, I USED TO BE ROOMMATES WITH ROCKET!
THE RACCOON?
HOW SWEET.
WON'T KNIFE BE HAPPY TO KNOW WHERE THE LOVEBIRDS ARE BUILDING THEIR NEST?

MY POOR FLOCK...
SO MUCH IN THIS GALAXY IS FRAGILE.
THANOS CAME TO KILL YOU ONCE, AND YOU FROZE HIM IN AMBER.
HE WILL COME FOR YOU AGAIN. AND WHEN HE DOES, WHAT WILL HE DO TO YOUR FLOCK?
YOU WON'T JOIN MY CREW, FINE. BUT IF YOU DO ONE JOB FOR ME...
...I'LL HELP YOU. I WILL MAGNIFY YOUR POWER. YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK FROM THE TERRORS OF THE COSMOS FOREVER.
EVEN FROM THANOS.
PROTECT THEM FROM THANOS...?
SAY YES.
FOLLOW THIS MAN. USE HIM. STEAL HIS POWER FOR YOUR OWN.

STEAL IT FOR YOUR OWN CONQUEST.
WHAT...? WHERE DID YOU--
DO IT FOR THEM, THANE. FOR YOUR FLOCK.
MY CONQUEST...?
YOUR DESTINY!
AWAY, EBONY MAW. AWAY!
MY FLOCK... THEY BELIEVE IN ME. IF THANOS HARMED THEM BECAUSE I AM HIS SON, THEN HOW COULD I...?
I AGREE TO YOUR TERMS, KNIFE.
BUT HOW CAN YOU DELIVER SUCH POWER?
TELL ME, THANE...
...HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE LEGEND OF THE BLACK VORTEX?

DID WE DO THE RIGHT THING?
WE TOTALLY DID THE WRONG THING.
AND I LOVED IT.
YOU'RE GONNA LOVE SPACE.
I WILL, THANKS TO MY BOYFRIEND.
I'M GONNA HAVE TO CLEAR THAT WITH MY GIRLFRIEND.
THAT FLOOZY? TELL HER YOU'RE BUSY FOR THE NEXT SIX THOUSAND YEARS.
I'LL SAY SEVEN THOUSAND, JUST IN CASE.
PETER... LET'S DO SOMETHING BAD.
Uhhh heh heh heh--
NOT LIKE THAT, YOU PERV. I WANNA DO BAD THINGS LIKE YOU DO.
I WANNA BE A THIEF.
LET'S GO ROB YOUR KRUTAKING, FLARKING, FLAAKNARD FATHER.
HE'S SO IN LOVE WITH THAT BLACK VORTEX...
...LET'S TAKE IT FROM HIM.
Gawrsh.
KITTY PRYDE, I'M GONNA MAKE A DISHONEST WOMAN OUTTA YOU YET.
TO BE CONTINUED IN --
THE BLACK VORTEX